

- “1994 Status Report on Adolescent Pregnancy”
- 1995 “Kids Count: The State of the Child in Tennessee” 1995
- DUI statistics
- Juvenile Court data
- Criminal Court filings
- High School dropouts and children receiving special education

#### **IV. Health Issues and Priorities**

Upon completion of the data review, all Council members were asked to complete a prioritization process which used size and seriousness as factors in determining which health issues had highest priorities. The “Scoring Sheet” is included as “Attachment B”. The results, along with related recommendations and current actions, are listed as follows:

	<b>Priority Issues</b>	<b>Score</b>
#1	Alcohol and Drugs (includes lack of mental health services, crime, violence)	50
#2	Cancer (includes breast and lung cancer)	65
#3	Teen Sexuality (includes STDs, teen pregnancy, and low birth weight)	79
#4	Lack of needed services (includes ambulance/emergency services for south end of county, affordable/no-cost health promotion & wellness services, respite care, mental health services)	101
#5	AIDS/HIV	114
#6	OB/GYN Pediatric shortage	130
#7	Lack of knowledge of available services in county	140

\* Note: the **lowest** score has the **highest priority**.

#### **Justification of Priority Issues**

Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse  
including:

- lack of mental health services
- crime
- violence/violent deaths